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SUBJECT: MINISTER SADLI URGES U.S. BUFFER STOCK CONTRIBUTION

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1. PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE FOR KUALA LUMPUR WHERE, AMONG OTHER THINGS, HE PLANNED TO COORDINATE AN "ASEAN" POSITION ON THE INTERNATIONAL TIM AGREEMENT (ITA) WITH MALAYSIAN MINISTER OF PRIMARY INDUSTRIES DATUK MUSA HITAM, INDONESIA MINISTER OF MINES SADLI REVIEWED WITH AMBASSADOR INDONESIA POSITION ON INTERNATIONAL TIN AGREEMENT.

ACCORDING TO SADLI CRUX OF BOLIVIAN DISAGREEMENT WITH FIFTH ITA IS (A) LACK OF AN AUTOMATIC FORMULA SUCH AS INDEXATION FOR DETERMINING FLOOR AND CEILING PRICES; (B) THE "UNDEMOCRATIC" VOTING PROCEDURES; AND (C) THE LACK OF CONSUMER CONTRIBUTION TO BUFFER STOCK. SADLI URGED THAT U.S. AGREE TO SOME VOLUNTARY BUFFER STOCK CONTRIBUTION OVER NEXT TWO YEARS.

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2. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT PRICING FORMULA WAS BOLIVIA'S MAJOR COMPLAINT, BUT SAID THAT IF PROGRESS COULD BE MADE ON BUFFER STOCK, OTHER PRODUCERS WOULD LOBBY BOLIVIA TO ACCEDE. HE OBSERVED THAT PRICING FORMULA IS SOMETHING THAT WILL HAVE TO BE WORKED OUT IN NEGOTIATIONS OVER TIME AND, IN ANY CASE, CURRENT SURGE OF TIN PRICES HAD MADE ISSUE MOOT. HE ALSO SAID THAT ISSUE OF VOTING PROCEDURES

IS NOT ONE OF GREAT URGENCY FOR INDONESIA.

3. AS REPORTED REF C, MUSA HITAM WILL BE TRAVELING TO LA PAZ AND, ACCORDING TO SADLI, WASHINGTON AS WELL FOR TIN LOBBYING EFFORT. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, HE WILL BE ACCOMPANIED BY INDONESIAN ITA EXPERT SIRMAN WIDIATMO. NEWSOM

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